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Fearing the censure of his fellows, Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to Jesus by night. He wanted to know how to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, "Except a man be born again . . . of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY
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COMMUNION SERVICE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE RECEIVING Holy Communion today will kindly sign a Communion Card, available from the ushers, and put on the offering plate. This is necessary in order that your Communion can be recorded.

JOIN HEARTILY in all the responses of

both the regular Service and the Holy Communion. Each part has greater meaning when everyone participates enthusiastically.

PLEASE DO NOT STAY away from the Communion today because of your hurry to prepare for going to the picnic. The entire Service will be over at 12 or only a few moments thereafter, leaving everyone time to return to Church at two o'clock, those travelling by bus. Our Synod encourages us to commune more frequently. Let us fall in line with this sound advise.

THE PICNIC BUS will leave the Church this afternoon for the park at 2 o'clock sharp. Those going by bus will kindly note this. Such a fine response has been made to the invitations to attend the picnic, sent out by mail, that, weather permitting, this should really be a pleasant event. Thanks to our people for their cooperation.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, the Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Birthday Tea at the Mrs. L. Koser home, 77 Home St. Ladies Aid members whose birthdays fall in the period from January to July are hostesses. All women of the Church are earnestly invited. The time is in the afternoon from 2:30 to 5.

NEXT FRIDAY the women of the Church will meet in the Church again to sort and prepare for the warehouse clothing that has been contributed for Lutheran World Relief. The time is from 1 o'clock on. Director, Rev. L.H. Schaus tells us that the bulk of clothing coming into the warehouse is of excellent quality. A carload of 26,400 pounds of clothing has already left Winnipeg and will soon be on the high seas on its way for next winter's use.

Working Together

LUTHERANS OF AMERICA are divided into 17 separate bodies. Frequently they are criticized for not "getting together."

For the most part it is not intolerance but rather respect for the convictions of others that restrains them from uniting. Their differences result from varied doctrinal emphases and national origins. In view of the fact that Lutheran groups began coming to these shores in 1619, it is to be expected that their viewpoints would vary according to the times and sections of Europe from which they came. Eight of these groups subordinated their differences and presented a united front when a crisis demanded corporate action. They represent two-thirds of the Lutherans in America. Their common agency is the National Lutheran Council. Its member bodies are the United Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, Augustana Synod, Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Finnish (Suomi) Lutheran Church, Lutheran Free Church, Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, and United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This organization was called into life by the emergencies of World War I, but it has remained as an agency through which tasks too large for any one group can be accomplished.

It is not a super-synod nor does it interfere with the independent actions of any of its members. It seeks only to co-ordinate their efforts and to provide a meeting ground where common difficulties and objectives can be discovered.

It began back in 1917 when the need for Lutheran ministry among servicemen became apparent. Sev-

eral smaller efforts were united into the National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare. The Commission lent assistance to Lutheran chaplains and provided devotional material, recreational facilities and pastors for men in camp and on the battle fronts.

Consolidation of smaller Lutheran bodies in 1917-18 to form The Norwegian Lutheran Church in America and The United Lutheran Church in America showed that unification could be achieved. This action plus the valuable work of the Commission gave momentum to a spirit of unity. Then too, postwar work in Europe showed the need for continued co-operation by Lutherans on this continent. Organization of the National Lutheran Council resulted on Sept. 6, 1918.

Between the World Wars its activity was chiefly in the fields of publicity, statistics and welfare. World War II and other recent developments required creation of a Service Commission, Division of American Missions, Prisoner of War Commission, and Student Work Commission.

Close relations were maintained with the American Section of the Lutheran World Convention, especially in the care of refugees and orphaned missions. Tremendous sums were needed to finance the work of these two agencies so an annual appeal called Lutheran World Action was instituted. Since 1939 Lutherans of America have given nearly \$6,500,000. Now they are raising \$10,000,000 for the 1946-47 period. This shows how Lutherans can work together. It may be a preview of how they will unite still further to do His will on earth.